

Application Serial No.: 09/866,131

Attorney Docket No. 062070-311773

In response to the Notice mailed August 25, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference of September 19, 2005.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed August 25, 2005, the Examiner asserts that claims 1-34 have been presented in place of claims 35-46. As discussed during the telephone conference, the pages of the Substitute Specification containing claims 1-34, were inadvertently submitted with the Substitute Specification on June 10, 2005. To clarify the record, the Examiner requested that Applicants resubmit the claims that were filed with the Amendment dated August 6, 2004. Thus, claims 1-31 remain cancelled and claims 35-46 remain pending. Accordingly, the **Listing of the Claims** presented above, including claims 35-46, represents all of the claims currently pending.

In the Notice mailed August 25, 2005, the Examiner asserts that the drawings that were inadvertently filed with the Substitute Specification on June 10, 2005, constitute an improper amendment to the Drawings. In response, Applicants request that the drawings filed with the clean copy of the Substitute Specification (pages 36-41 of **APPENDIX A**) filed June 10, 2005, be removed from consideration.

The Examiner acknowledged that the drawings presented for examination prior to the June 10, 2005, including the **Replacement Sheet** for Figure 5 filed on January 21, 2005, complies with the requirements of §1.84. To avoid confusion, it was agreed that the drawings, including the amended Replacement Sheet for Figure 5, does not need to be re-submitted. As such, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Having addressed all the non-compliant issues, Applicants await a substantive examination of pending claims 35-46, as amended by the Response filed August 6, 2004, on the merits and request that the Examiner address each of the issues and arguments presented in pages 8-14 of that Response.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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